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SUBJECT: MINORITIES IN TURKEY

1. SEVERAL RECENT CONGRESSIONAL LETTERS TO DEPARTMENT HAVE RAISED QUESTIONS ABOUT STATUS OF MINORITIES, PARTICULARLY ARMENIANS, IN TURKEY. DEPT UNDERSTANDS ARMENIAN NATIONAL COMMITTEE HAS ENCOURAGED LETTERS BE WRITTEN TO MEMBERS OF CONGRESS WHICH WOULD STRESS CHARGES OF "CULTURAL GENOCIDE" AND DISCRIMINATION AGAINST ARMENIAN, GREEK, JEWISH, AND ASSYRIAN CITIZENS OF TURKEY, DRAFT COUNCIL OF EUROPE REPORT OF ALLEGED TURKISH HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN CYPRUS AND REPRESSION OF TURKISH KURDS.

2. WE HAVE CURRENT INFORMATION ON CYPRUS SITUATION BUT WOULD APPRECIATE STATUS REPORT AT EARLY DATE BY CABLE ON MINORITIES SITUATION IN TURKEY, PARTICULARLY ON WHETHER MINORITY RELIGIOUS, EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL INSTITUTIONS ARE SUBJECT TO RESTRICTIVE TURKISH LAWS WHICH CRIPPLE THEIR
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ABILITY TO FUNCTION AS IS SOMETIMES ALLEGED. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE INFO ON CONDITION OF ARMENIAN MONUMENTS AND CHURCHES IN EASTERN TURKEY.
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